

Motion to seal provisionally GRANTED. SO ORDERED. July 16, 2025

Dated: 7/18/2025

VIA ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

United States District Judge

In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litigation Case No. 1:21-md-03010 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

I write on behalf of the Publisher Class Plaintiffs ("Publisher Plaintiffs") in the abovereferenced matter to seek leave to file preliminary under seal an unredacted version of the Publisher Plaintiffs' Reply in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, the Publisher Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Exclude the Expert Testimony of Prof. Einer Elhauge, and certain exhibits to the Declaration of Izaak Earnhardt ("Earnhardt Declaration"), filed contemporaneously therewith. These exhibits and portions of the briefs contain or reference material that Defendant Google has designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential and material which Plaintiffs designated as Highly Confidential. Accordingly, Publisher Plaintiffs respectfully submit that good cause exists to file preliminarily under seal the unredacted version of the Publisher Plaintiffs' briefs and certain exhibits to the Earnhardt Declaration. No conference is scheduled.

Because it would have been unduly burdensome to provide Google with seven days' notice of the precise portion of the material that Publisher Plaintiffs seek to use, Publisher Plaintiffs have previously discussed in good faith a reasonable extension of the deadline with Google. See ECF 685 ¶21. Publisher Plaintiffs take no position on Google's confidentiality designations at this time.

Exhibit No. 2 is an expert declaration prepared by an expert witness for Publisher Plaintiffs which analyzes, quotes or summarizes documents and data that Google has designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential under the protective order in this litigation. Exhibits Nos. 4, 5, 6, 9, and 11 are documents that Google produced in this litigation, designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential. Exhibit No. 7 is a discovery request served on Google in the EDVA litigation; while it does not have a confidentiality designation, in an abundance of caution, Plaintiffs are filing it under preliminary seal to provide Google an opportunity to review the document and determine if they believe that sealing is warranted. Exhibit No. 8 is a letter from Google's counsel, designated as Highly Confidential.

Pursuant to this Court's Individual Practices ¶5.B, Publisher Plaintiffs are filing proposed sealed documents electronically through the Court's ECF system. Publisher Plaintiffs are also filing redacted versions of the briefs publicly on the docket. Publisher Plaintiffs respectfully

Case 1:21-md-03010-PKC Document 1052

Filed 07/18/25 Page 2 of 2

Hon. P. Kevin Castel July 16, 2025 Page 2 of 2

request that the Court defer ruling on this motion for at least one week to permit the parties to meet and confer and for Google to file a motion for sealing, if any.

We appreciate the Court's consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/<u>s/ Philip C. Korologos</u>
Philip C. Korologos
BOIES SCHILLER FLEXNER LLP

Copies to: All Counsel of Record (via ECF)